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Re: **Application No.:** 10/820,902
Confirmation No.: 8852
Applicants: H. Thomas Graef, et al.
Filed: April 7, 2004
Title: Cash Dispensing Automated Banking Machine
With Note-Unstacking And Validation
Art Unit: 2876
Notice of Allowance Date: September 8, 2005
Docket No.: D-1238 R1

Sir:

Please find enclosed the Issue Fee Transmittal form for filing in the above-referenced Application. Also enclosed are "Comments on the Substance of the Interview" and "Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Very truly yours,

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Kindly enter Applicant's comments without prejudice as follows:

Comments on the Substance of the Interview

An interview was conducted on August 12, 2005 between Examiner Daniel Hess and a representative (Daniel Wasil, Reg. No. 45,303) of Applicants. Applicants' representative respectfully requested an amendment (via Examiner's amendment) to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 17-34 would remain pending and be allowed. The substance of the requested amendment corresponds to the Examiner's amendment set forth in the Notice of Allowability dated September 8, 2005.

Applicants reserve all rights to file another application (e.g., divisional application) with regard to any canceled claims. The courtesy of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicant acknowledges the Office's admission that the pending claims are patentable over the references of record. Applicant respectfully submits that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the statement of reasons for allowance are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not necessarily the only recited features and relationships which are not found in the prior art.

Furthermore, the statement refers to subject matter (or language) which is not recited in all of the claims. The statement indicates a general paraphrasing of some claim language, and not necessarily the exact claim language. For example, not all claims require a "picking *means*" or a "stripping *means*". Nor do all claims require a picking means and a stripping means to move "toward the stack", especially both. Nor do all claims require that a stripping means "moves faster".

It should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be limited by that subject matter which is specifically recited. Any remarks in the statement of reasons for allowance which narrow the actual recited subject matter should be disregarded.

Respectfully submitted,



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